



Weekly Information & Communication



August 8, 2016

Local Agency Conference Call

Thank you all for attending the LA conference call! First, we apologize for the typo in the call-in number; promise to get it right next time. Also, when you log into WebEx the number usually pops up on the screen, so this is a good back up to use when errors like that happen.

Also sorry we had to cut it off at the end. As all the phones were not on mute, we had a lot of feedback and personal conversations that made it hard to talk. We disconnected quickly so as to not hear the personal conversations. We appreciate that you all had really good questions and are happy to continue to answer those. Please feel free to contact the State office with any and all questions, and we will make sure to log them and share the answers with all via the newsletter.

For review, the following documents are attached: [Minutes](#) from the call; [State Plan Updates: Summary](#); [PowerPoint PDF](#) and the [recording of the WebEx](#).

Online Education

As of September 30th, 2016, WICHealth.org will no longer be used as online education for Montana. We will be switching to a new online education option called WIC Shopper/WIC Smart. The exact date for the new app will be released once it is confirmed. If you have questions please contact Lacy Little at the State Office.

Certificate of Live Birth

A certificate of live birth is now an approved form of residency. This question was asked during the conference call, after staff discussed this as a group, we added it to the state plan. It is also on the state plan review summary.

Breastfeeding Conference in Minot, ND

[The North Dakota Biennial Breastfeeding Conference](#) will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2016, in Minot, ND. The presenter on the one day conference will be Nancy Mohrbacher.

2016 GBGF Conference

To register now for the Great Beginnings, Great Families Conference in Helena, click [here](#). For more information, go to the DPHHS [website](#).

Hill Leading Lady Prizes

Several weeks ago Hill WIC received information in the weekly newsletter about the Leading Lady getting a grant to provide nursing accessories to several clinics; all you had to do was send an email with your contact information. As excited as Nicole, the WIC Director, was about this opportunity, she never really got her hopes up as she did not think Hill WIC would actually be one of the “winners.” In July Hill WIC received an email stating the clinic in fact was one of the clinics selected to receive the materials and the staff were all ecstatic. The beginning of August they received the shipment. They received 65 nursing covers, close to 100 bras in different styles, sizes and colors, and 9 nursing tanks!

Teton Leading Lady Prize

Remember the WIC newsletter where local programs could email Leading Lady our contact information and possibly win “some” breastfeeding supplies if we were in the first 200? Cynthia Grubb entered for Teton WIC, and was in the first 200. Teton WIC received possibly 100 nursing bras. This is a perfect start for their Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program that begins on October 1st.

Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Conference Call

The next BPCP conference call will be August 25, 2016, from 9:00am to 10:00am. If you have topics you would like to include, please send them to Chris at cfogelman@mt.gov by close of business on August 17, 2016. The agenda and call-in information will be sent out in the August 22nd WIC Newsletter.

Pregnant Woman’s Perceived Value of Exclusive Breastfeeding and the Duration of Exclusive Breastfeeding

We do know that women who believe they can successfully breastfeed are more likely to breastfeed and be able to overcome roadblocks and barriers. What about women who value exclusive breastfeeding very high? Does it impact how long they will exclusively breastfeed? Read the [article](#) “Associations Between Perceived Value of Exclusive Breastfeeding Among Pregnant Women in the United States and Exclusive Breastfeeding to Three and Six Months Postpartum: A prospective study” and find out. Submit a CEU form to Lacy Little for WIC CEUs.

Depression in Mothers: More Than the Blues Webinar

On August 15, 2016, from 12:00pm to 1:30pm a [webinar](#) on depression in mothers and a toolkit will be presented. There is no fee, but you must register. This is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in US Dept. of Health and Human Services.

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 356](#), Hypoglycemia is the presence of hypoglycemia diagnosed, documented, or reported by a physician or someone working under a physician's orders, or as self-reported by applicant/participant/caregiver.

Example: If a participant came in and stated that they were recently diagnosed to have low blood sugars.

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